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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday – April 24, 2013 1:00 P.M.

I. Call To Order/ Roll Call

Chairman Harris opened the meeting at 1:07 P.M.

Members present: Richard Harris, Paul Von Berg, Barbara Blake, and Chief Diane Ravnik

A quorum was met.

Members absent: Yvonne de la Peña, Van Ton-Quinlivan and Les DenHerder , and Scott Gordon

II. Review/Approval of the minutes of January 23, 2013

A motion to approve the January 23, 2013 minutes as written was made by Commissioner Von Berg and seconded by Chief Ravnik. All approved. The motion was carried.

III. Accident Reports – Review reports and make recommendations to Cal Trans Workforce on Works on Safety

Commissioner Harris gave an overview of three freeway fatalities in 2012 and one serious injury in January 2013. All were a result of drunk drivers. One driver reached a speed of 92 mph in the construction zone. He stated that in order to make an attempt to make recommendations of changing what happens on the freeways, one need to be familiar with the situation and go through the accident report. Most reports are excess of 100 pages. The highway patrol has a special team to look into major accidents and in can consist of more than 50 officers along with special equipment. He noted an interesting pint that on newer model vehicles, there is equipment that can tell the speed of the vehicle from the air bag and the computer system.

Commissioner Harris's recommendation is to find a way to slow traffic when the use of cones to separate workers from traffic is implemented. Rumble strips are now being used by Cal Trans on off freeway construction sites. Another suggestion was to use a manned squad car at the closure when the freeway is closed.

Comments/Discussions on recommendations:

Commissioner Paul Von Berg stated that the Construction Zone Enhanced Enforcement Program (COZEEP) is a Statewide Interagency Agreement (contract) between Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol (CHP). It enables the department to hire CHP officers and vehicles to patrol project construction zones. The project engineer shall make an assessment of the need for COZEEP on every project that requires the contractor to close traffic lanes using cones or other channelizing devices.

A motion and a second were made to send a letter to Mark Leja, Division Chief of Construction at Cal Trans with any assistance from the CAC to support their efforts to improve work zone safety for the worker and Cal Trans employees. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Contact Chairman Harris for any Safety or Health issues for future agendas at: Richard.grant.harris@gmail.com. Mr. Harris will do research on Rope Access Safety.

The next meeting will held October 2013.

- IV. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 1:55 P.M.